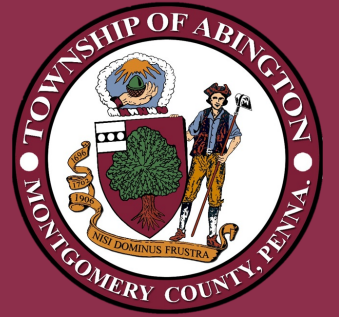


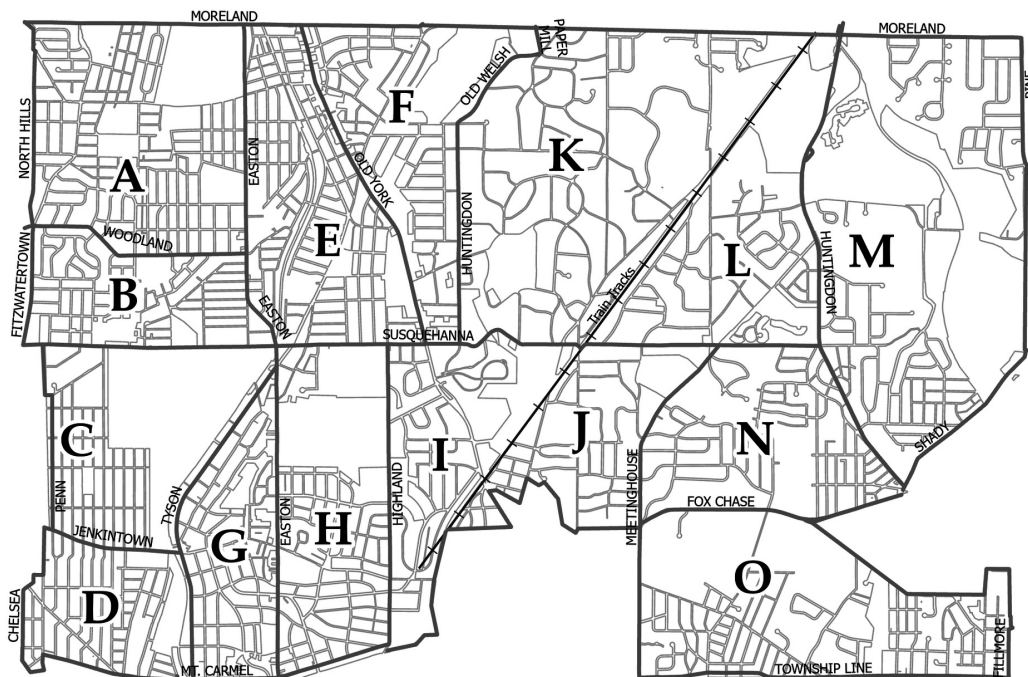
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LEAF COLLECTION BEGINS WEEK OF 10/25



Abington Township Public Works Department will begin its annual leaf pick up the week of October 25, 2021. Leaves should be placed curbside by each Monday of the designated week of pickup. The Department will make every attempt to maintain the schedule, but residents should be prepared for delays due to inclement weather. Conversely, there will be times when the collection runs smoothly thereby enabling a jump start on the next area. If this is the case, the vacuum machines will return on Monday for the scheduled collection. To find your collection area, please use the map above.

FIRST COLLECTION AREAS

October 25 - October 29: Areas A, B, E, G, H, I

November 1 - November 5: Areas C, D, F, M, N, O

November 8 - November 12: Areas J, K, L

SECOND COLLECTION AREAS

November 15 - November 19: Areas G, H, I

November 22 - November 26: Areas A, B, E

November 29 - December 3: Areas C, D, F, J

December 6 - December 10: Areas M, N, O

December 13 - December 17: Areas K, L

OCTOBER MEETINGS

10/6 Land Use, Public Affairs,
Public Safety, & Public Works,
CANCELLED

10/6 Human Relations Commission,
7 PM

10/12 Economic Development Committee,
Special Meeting,
7:30 AM

10/12 Shade Tree Commission,
7:30 PM

10/13 Environmental Advisory Council,
7:30 PM

10/14 Public Hearing Penn State Text and Map
Amendments,
6:30 PM

10/14 Board of Commissioners,
6:30 PM

10/14 Committee of the Whole,
7 PM

10/19 Comprehensive Plan
Development Team,
6 PM

10/19 Zoning Hearing Board,
7 PM

10/21 Finance Committee,
7 PM

10/25 Library Board,
7 PM

10/26 Economic Development Committee,
CANCELLED

10/26 Planning Commission,
7:30 PM

10/28 Vacant Property Review Board,
6:30 PM

NEWS & UPDATES

TRASH CLEAN-OUT WEEK, 10/4 - 10/8

Trash Clean-Out Week is October 4 through October 8, 2021. During this week, the Township will collect everything you place in your trash cans **PLUS** any additional normal trash placed in store bought refuse bags you put out with your regular trash on your **SCHEDULED** trash collection day. The bags must weigh under 30 lbs.

NO electronics, hazardous waste, construction material or large items will be accepted.

[Click here or the image below to watch an informational video on Trash Clean-Out Week.](#)



[More Information](#)

TOWNSHIP OFFICES CLOSED ON MONDAY, 10/11, NO TRASH/YARD DEBRIS COLLECTION

Township offices will be closed on Monday, October 11, 2021 for Columbus Day. There will be no trash, recyclables, or yard debris collections. Monday, October 11, and Tuesday, October 12, trash and recyclables collections will occur on Tuesday, October 12. There will be no yard debris collection. Yard debris collection will resume on Wednesday, October 13.

MORTGAGE & RENTAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Abington Township, through HUD’s Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 Relief Funds, will provide grants to households to make payments for rent and mortgage. Program information and application available at www.abingtonpa.gov/housingassistance.

GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES

This grant program assists organizations that have experienced an increase in requests by Abington Township residents as a result of the recent COVID-19 pandemic and its associated economic impacts. Program information and application available at www.abingtonpa.gov/foodbankassistance.

ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO SMALL BUSINESSES AFFECTED BY COVID-19

Abington Township, through HUD’s Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 Relief Funds, will provide grants to eligible Township businesses that are in serious jeopardy of closing due solely to the recent COVID-19 pandemic and associated economic impacts. Grant amounts will vary according to need and availability. Applications will be available on October 8 at www.abingtonpa.gov/smallbizassistance.

WILLOW GROVE PARK (PREIT) ZONING REQUEST

Information regarding PREIT's petition for amendment of the Abington Township Zoning Ordinance can be found on the Township's website at <https://www.abingtonpa.gov/departments/office-of-the-township-manager/land-use>.

Information provided by the applicant, PREIT, can be found at <https://www.livingatwillowgrovepark.com/>.

HOW TO SPOT A SCAM

Scammers try new methods to trick you all the time. But if you know the signs to look for, you can avoid becoming a victim.

5 Signs of a Scam

If you spot any of these tactics, stop and walk away. You're probably being scammed.

- 1. They contacted you**
 - When you contact a business, you know who's on the other end of the line. But when someone contacts you first, you can't be certain they're telling the truth. You don't know if they are whom they say they are. And remember, email addresses and caller ID information can be faked.
- 2. They dangle bait—usually money**
 - Let's face it: People simply don't give away large sums of money easily. If someone dangles bait in front of you—a big prize, a shopping spree, an easy loan — for nothing, they're probably lying.
- 3. They want your personal information**
 - Anytime anyone asks for your personal information — bank accounts, social security number, etc. — you should be on alert. Don't give it away quickly or easily, especially to someone you don't know. You may become a victim of identity theft.
- 4. You have to pay them first**
 - If someone offers you a prize, debt relief, or employment — but first you have to pay an upfront fee to get it —you're probably being scammed.
- 5. You have to wire money or send gift cards**
 - If you're about to wire money or send gift cards to someone in order to receive a prize, or pay off a debt collector that contacts you ... STOP! This may be a scammer trying to take your money.

If you feel you're the victim of a scam, simply cut off communication and then file a complaint with the [Police Department](#).

HURRICANE IDA ASSISTANCE INFORMATION

Individuals can apply for FEMA assistance the following ways:

- Apply online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov.
- Call the application phone number at 1-800-621-3362 (TTY: 800-462-7585).
- Via the FEMA smartphone app: [Google Play](#) or [Apple App Store](#)
- Apply in person at a Disaster Recovery Center (DRC)
 - Montgomery County Community College (Health Sciences Center - Educational Gym)
 - 340 DeKalb Pike, Blue Bell, PA 19422
 - Monday through Friday: 10 AM to 7 PM
 - Saturday: 10 AM to 5 PM

Please note: If you have insurance, please file a claim with your insurance company, as FEMA assistance cannot aid with losses already covered by insurance.

For news and updates, please visit Montgomery County's website at www.montcopa.org/lda.

For more news, please visit our website at www.abingtonpa.gov.

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

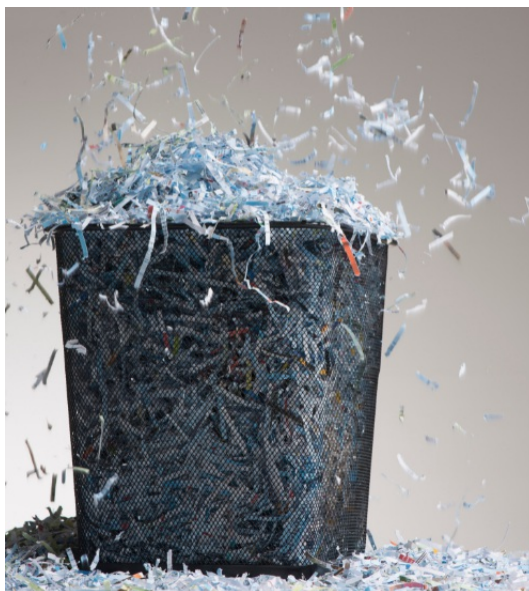


FIRE COMPANY OPEN HOUSES

OCTOBER 4 - OCTOBER 8
6 PM - 8 PM

Abington Township Fire Department's Fire Prevention Week Fire Safety Open Houses are back in 2021! Each open house offers plenty of fun for the whole family. See the fire trucks! Meet the firefighters! And learn important ways to keep your family and home safe!

[More Info](#)



FREE SHREDDING EVENT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16
9 AM - 12 PM

Residents are encouraged to bring any confidential or personal documents that they would like to discard to the Public Works Yard located at 2201 Florey Lane, Abington, PA 19001. There is a limit of 4 boxes/bags per car and each box/bag cannot exceed 30 lbs. No businesses!

[More Info](#)



ABINGTON POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE (PAL)

EVERY FRIDAY & SATURDAY

7 PM - 10 PM

Abington Police Athletic League is now open every Friday and Saturday from 7 PM to 10 PM! All Abington residents between 11 and 18 years old are welcome to attend. Membership applications are available online at www.abingtonpal.org or at the PAL center located at 2801 Woodland Road, Roslyn, PA 19001. Basketball, pool, video games, crafts, puzzles, etc. are all waiting for you. Looking forward to seeing everybody again! For more information call Jan Harris at 267-536-1083.

More Info

For a full list of programs and events, please visit our calendar at www.abingtonpa.gov/calendar.

SPOTLIGHT



ATFD'S FIRE COMPANY OPEN HOUSES RETURN 10/4 - 10/8!
See the trucks. Meet the firefighters. Learn fire prevention and safety.

Abington Township Fire Department's popular Fire Prevention Week Fire Safety Open Houses are back in 2021! The series of events will be held from on October 4 through October 8 from 6 to 8 PM at the following fire companies:

- October 4: Abington Fire Company, 1920 Horace Ave., Abington
- October 5: McKinley Fire Company's open house has been **cancelled**
- October 6: Roslyn Fire Company, 1128 Bradfield Road, Roslyn
- October 7: Weldon Fire Company, 412 N. Easton Road, Glenside
- October 8: Edge Hill Fire Company, 2843 Limekiln Pike, North Hills

Each open house offers plenty of fun for the whole family. See the fire trucks! Meet the firefighters! And learn important ways to keep your family and home safe!

This year's National Fire Protection Association Fire Prevention Week theme, Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety, highlights the importance of learning what your smoke alarm is trying to tell you with its various chirps and beeps.

Please note: due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, most of the activities will be held outdoors. In addition, masking will be recommended per CDC guidelines.



TIP OF THE MONTH



THE DRAIN IS JUST FOR RAIN!

Stormwater runoff is one of the leading causes of water pollution, not only in Abington Township, but across the nation. Many residents in Abington are unaware that storm drains carry runoff directly to the nearest stream instead of connecting to a treatment plant to get clean first.

Dumping of yard waste (including leaves and grass), chemicals, and other items is ILLEGAL! If you see someone putting anything in the storm drains, call the Engineering Department to report it at 267-536-1000 prompt #4.

We can all do our part to help with restoring the health of our streams by doing the following:

- Never put anything in a storm drain inlet that you would not want to drink or swim in;
- When trimming your lawn, please remove any grass clippings left in the street and sidewalk area;
- Use fertilizers and herbicides only when necessary, and follow the directions carefully. Use natural, organic fertilizer and avoid applying any fertilizer before heavy rainfalls;
- Set your mower's height at 3 inches. Taller grass establishes deeper roots and healthier lawns absorb more stormwater;
- Wash your car at a carwash, or on grass or gravel instead of in the driveway or on the street;
- Service your car regularly and fix leaks to prevent gasoline, oil, brake and transmission fluids, and anti-freeze from leaking onto the pavement and washing into our streams;
- Place dog waste in the toilet or a trash can. Do not leave it on the yard, in the street or dispose of it in a storm drain. Pet waste introduces disease-causing bacteria into our water supply;
- Keep all litter off the street and place it in receptacles so that it does not get washed or blown down storm drains;
- Recycle products made of paper, glass, plastic and aluminum;
- Use Montgomery County's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days to dispose of your household hazardous waste and used computers. [Visit the County's website to find collection dates and times.](#)

[More Information](#)

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IMPORTANT LINKS

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[Employment Opportunities](#)

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